

# WASHINGTON BOROUGH RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes September 7, 2005

## Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Borough Recreation Commission was called to order on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> by Terry Finnegan, Chairman, at 7:28 PM. In attendance were Commissioners Candy DeFillippis, Terry Finnegan, Dawn Higgins, Rick Feldman, Joe Kresser, and Jamie Prendergast, as well as Park Director Adam Payne. Erin Czarniecki arrived at 7:45. Absent was Angela Wallace.

## Review of Past Minutes

Minutes from the meeting August 17<sup>th</sup> were not available.

## Audience Participation

There was no audience in attendance at this time.

## Park Director's Report

Attendance at the pool seems to be up this year, based on revenue generated by the number of daily admissions. The snack bar did much better than in years past. However, there is still a fair amount of food – candy and ice cream – left over.

The pool was closed for 2 ½ days because of failure of two main tests administered by the Health Department. This was due to the problem with the filtration system. Another problem was lack of certification for the staff on duty at the time of inspection.

The filtration system must be replaced next year, and plans sent to the Warren County Health Department.

The staff was lackadaisical in their daily work. The supervisors were lax. The staff needs to take more responsibility in their work.

There is still a leak in one of the pipes underground by the telephone pole inside the pool area.

### The Commissioners responded to this report:

- The leftover ice cream will be donated to the soccer and field hockey players, and the candy to be donated at Halloween.
- The bathrooms at Boro Park have not been maintained regularly, and it is doubtful that the maintenance staff will keep them in sanitary condition. Therefore, the Recreation Commissioners have decided to rent a port-a-john and close the bathrooms. The port-a-john will be placed near the 1<sup>st</sup> base at Boro Park for accessibility of maintenance by truck.
- Vara soccer field needs to be relined and a large boulder needs to be removed before the game on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>.

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- For the leaking underground pipe, three bids must be received, with a list of what will be done.
- Fall cleanup will be done by the part time maintenance staff.
- Washington Meadows needs a secured garbage barrel.
- As far as the pool filtration system, it will be budgeted for next year and will be put out for bid. Wayne Wade will have to design the system, as he has the existing contract. Rick Feldman feels that another pool designer should be used for designing the new filtration system. Question: is the pump house viable and structurally sound? The Boro Engineer has been asked many times to evaluate the pump house.
- The hillside on Route 31 needs to have a ground cover instead of the grass, which needs cutting, but is very difficult to get at because of the steepness of the hill.
- The railroad embankment needs to be cleaned up
- Swim blocks are needed for the Swim Team for next year, either 3 replacement blocks or 6 new blocks need to be purchased.

### **Treasurer's Report**

There was no Treasurer's report available at this time.

### **Commissioner's Reports:**

#### **Movies in the Park**

Dawn Higgins would like to purchase a new screen at a cost of approximately \$760. Commissioner Higgins will ask the BID group if they could purchase a projector for use by the Recreation Commission.

**Field Hockey** has begun and Candy DeFillippis has given the schedule of practices and games to the Park Director. There are 9 players on the team.

#### **Band Concert**

Commissioner DeFillippis has made arrangements for a Band Concert to take place at Boro Park on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 10 PM.

#### **Soccer**

Jamie Prendergast has concerns about the lines needing to be repainted and a the removal of a large rock that presents a hazard being removed from the playing field. Whistle soccer has its first game on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Prendergast has handed out a written Code of Conduct to all of the older soccer players.

### **New Business**

The area Swim Team Championship in 2006 is being held at the Washington Boro Pool. Since this is a major undertaking, the officers of the Swim Team Parents Group need to meet with the Recreation Commission to discuss financing and planning for the event.

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The Mayor and Council are studying the feasibility of having a full time Park Director. The Mayor and various members of the Council will be going on fact finding missions to three townships with similar municipal setups to gather information on how these towns handle their Recreation Departments. A new Park Director will be hired by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Dawn Higgins. A personnel matter was discussed.

### **Unfinished Business**

The Pavilion at Boro Park appears to be close to being finished. The Boro went ahead with the project and hiring contractors. Grading and leveling will be done by the Boro.

The light stanchions at Boro Park have not yet been repaired or replaced, and no information is available from the Boro concerning bidding or scheduling of the work. One of the stanchions is leaning and the Commission feels it represents a potential hazard.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Rick Feldman, seconded by Dawn Higgins, to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Noonan